

where the general public can see low impact development practices in place and functioning.

The Glensheen projects are important because shoreline conditions are rapidly changing along Lake Superior's North Shore due to increased tourism, business, and private development taking place. Innovative methods of treating the runoff from these changed conditions are imperative to maintaining the health of the lake.

The project was done as a joint effort with Southern St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, Minnesota Board of Soil and Water, Wisconsin Sea Grant and the Carlton, Cook, Lake North and South St. Louis Joint Powers Board of Soil and Waters Conservation Districts.

I am proud and honored to share with my colleagues this well-deserved tribute for the hardworking staff of the University of Minnesota Duluth and their innovative efforts to improve the environment in the Duluth area.

AMBASSADOR JEANE J.  
KIRKPATRICK

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI  
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I join those who mourn the death of former United Nations Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a great American patriot and champion of liberty for those living under Communist or other totalitarian regimes.

Like President Reagan, who appointed her to the U.N. post, Ambassador Kirkpatrick was an American original. She became a Republican when she found that the Democratic Party no longer reflected her values, just as Reagan did. She was Reagan's first female cabinet level appointee, and was his point person at the U.N., where she was a brilliant advocate for her country's interests.

If Ambassador Kirkpatrick did not originate the phrase "Blame America First," she certainly brought it to the attention of the American people with her use of the words in defending President Reagan's foreign policy at the 1984 Republican convention. She pointed out that Democrats and other critics were quick to place the responsibility for all the world's problems at the feet of their own country. Somehow, Ambassador Kirkpatrick said, they always blame America first. Unfortunately, those words too often still apply today.

Ambassador Kirkpatrick deserves a large share of the credit for helping the U.S. win the Cold War. Her efforts brought freedom to many around the globe who otherwise may not have been able to enjoy it. She remained a passionate spokesperson for her country's interests until her death. Her voice has been silenced now, and it will be missed.

OUR SOUTH ASIAN ALLY, SRI  
LANKA

HON. SCOTT GARRETT  
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in my time in Congress, I have had the oppor-

tunity to visit our South Asian ally, Sri Lanka. This small island nation has directly suffered both the devastating effects of the 2004 tsunami and the continuing threat of homegrown terrorism, which has experienced a recent resurgence.

Many years before the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Sri Lanka was confronting the grim specter of suicide terrorism. In fact, many of the suicide tactics utilized by terrorists in the Middle East originated with the Tamils. Because of this and because of their ties with other international terrorist groups, the Tamils pose a threat to Americans around the globe as well.

Despite the fact that a cease-fire remains in effect, over the past year, the Liberation Tigers of Tam Eelam (LTTE) have continued to commit acts of violence against the legitimate Government of Sri Lanka. The recent spate of violence began in August of last year with the assassination of Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister, Lakshman Kadirgamar. In a further attempt to damage the democratic process, the LTTE prevented the Tamil population in the Wanni region from voting in the Presidential election last November. Since the Inauguration of President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the LTTE has stepped up attacks on unarmed civilians including the use of fragmentation bombs against a bus killing 64 and injuring 80. Additionally, they have carried out assassinations of the Commander of the Sri Lanka Army and the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army and attacked a convoy of off-duty sailors, killing 94 and injuring many more. In all of these cases, the attacks were carried out by suicide bombers.

The LTTE has cultivated a worldwide network of weapons suppliers. Here in the United States, the FBI was able to apprehend Tamil agents who attempted to purchase surface-to-air missiles in New York and Maryland. Tamil agents have been arrested here for attempting to bribe customs agents and funnel illicit funds through charities. While the Tamils continue their attempts to operate in the United States, Federal authorities are vigorously investigating and prosecuting those who are recruiting support for terrorism in Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lankan Government gives every indication that it is committed to a peaceful settlement to this conflict within their nation's borders. Even after an attempt on the life of Defense Secretary Rajapakse, the President's brother, the government refuses to institute an outright ban on the Tamil Tigers. Norwegian peace negotiators, who had presided over the current cease-fire agreements, continue their efforts to bring the LTTE to the peace table but, unfortunately, Tiger leader Prabhakaran has called for a full resumption of hostilities. The government is ready to except the Tigers as a peaceful political party but not as a purveyor of violence.

Sri Lanka is a beautiful nation filled with hopeful people who wish to live in peace, and I am hopeful that they will soon see a resolution to these dangerous difficulties.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEFFERSON  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my praise for the heroic actions of several law enforcement agencies in Colorado. Authorities from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Park County Sheriff's Office and Colorado State Patrol acted in a swift and competent manner during the hostage standoff at Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado on September 27, 2006.

Mr. Speaker, these men and women risked their lives to help save students that had been taken hostage by an adult gunman. The situation sparked strong reminders of Columbine High School from April 20, 1999.

Mr. Speaker, that day a young woman lost her life. As Emily Keyes escaped her captor, he shot and fatally wounded her. Her family has requested that this tribute be made to law enforcement. In my conversation with the family, they thankfully praised the Jefferson County Special Weapons and Tactics Regional Team for their actions. The family has since been in consistent communication with them and thankful for the role that they have played in the community.

The Keyes family has also expressed gratefulness for Park County Sheriff Fred Wegener. He was the man who gave the go ahead that day to storm the classroom in an effort to save the lives of the remaining hostages. The Keyes' family has continued to honor their daughter since her tragic death. Her memorial and a charity bike ride have attracted thousands of supporters; a testament to what I'm certain was a wonderful and bright young woman.

Mr. Speaker, while the events at Platte Canyon are tragic, the Keyes family has carried the memory of their daughter and support the actions made by law enforcement that day.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELDON'S  
SADDLE SHOP AND WESTERN  
WEAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Weldon Burgoon and his business, Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear, for 50 years of outstanding service in the Denton community.

Weldon Burgoon began hand-tooling leather goods during his teenage years while attending a class at Sanger High School, in the 26th District of Texas. There he met and later married his wife, Joy. His own business evolved after hand-tooling leather belts as a side job to working in his father's plumbing business. After opening its doors on the outskirts of Denton in 1957, today Mr. Burgoon's saddles are known worldwide for their quality and craftsmanship.

Mr. Burgoon's generosity and commitment to the Denton community has remained strong during the past 50 years. His shop is a principal supporter of the Denton County Livestock Association's Annual Youth Fair and

Rodeo. Weldon's Saddle Shop is a family affair and will continue its successes under the capable assistance of his daughter Kippie Wilkerson, and her two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and congratulate the 50th year of business for Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear. I am honored to serve Mr. Weldon Burgoon in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT. TOM BROWN

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lt. Tom Brown, my high school classmate, who died in service to his country on the 20th day of November, 1944, during combat in World War II. Having recently celebrated Veterans Day, we remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed for this country. These veterans, such as Lt. Brown, gave their lives in the defense of those freedoms that we enjoy today.

On the 19th of November, 1944, American forces were attacking positions in and around Schleiden, Germany. Part of Company "K" became pinned down under heavy enemy fire and was in danger of suffering heavy casualties. Lt. Brown, a platoon leader at the time, recognized the gravity of the situation and leapt to his feet. Shouting words of encouragement to his men, he charged the enemy, firing as he ran. Upon seeing this courageous example set by their leader in the face of the enemy, the rest of the men followed his lead and took up the assault. So surprised was the enemy that a large number were either destroyed or taken prisoner. Led by Lt. Brown, the platoon moved into its' sector of the town with a minimum of casualties. On the basis of these heroic actions, Lt. Brown was recommended for the Silver Star.

Tragically, the following day, while attacking Neidermer, Lt. Brown, leading his men, was moving through the left side of the town when an enemy machine gun opened fire from a basement window and killed him instantly. Although his men immediately destroyed the enemy position, his loss was a great blow to the Battalion and was keenly felt by the men.

In a letter to his family, Lt. Col. Roger S. Whiteford noted, "The courage, initiative, leadership, and indomitable fortitude displayed by Lt. Brown at the time definitely saved the lives of some of his men and materially aided in the successful continuation of the attack. By his outstanding devotion to duty in accomplishing these heroic deeds, Lt. Brown gained the greatest respect and admiration of all the officers and men and the Battalion mourns his loss not only as that of a highly capable and exceptional leader but also as a true friend."

Lt. Tom Brown reminds us of the great sacrifices made by the many men and women of our armed services who regard the safety of this nation more highly than their own personal comfort and safety. I ask my colleagues to honor the service of one who gave his life in service to our Nation—Lt. Tom Brown.

#### RECOGNIZING UNC'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

#### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Women's Soccer Team. Under the leadership of Head Coach Anson Dorrance, the team won its 18th National Championship on Sunday, December 3, defeating Notre Dame 2-1.

The Lady Tar Heels won 27 games in a row on their way to claiming the championship trophy. Led by senior Heather O'Reilly and freshman Casey Nogueira, this outstanding group of athletes was the embodiment of tenacity, determination, and teamwork. Their passion, talent, and success have inspired us all, and they have been the perfect role models for younger female athletes all across our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize Coach Anson Dorrance. In the 27 years that women's soccer has been an official NCAA Division 1 collegiate sport, Coach Dorrance has led the UNC women's soccer team to an astounding 18 National Championships. To put this number in perspective, John Wooden, legendary coach of the UCLA men's basketball team and one of the greatest coaches of all time in any sport, coached his team to 10 National Championships. Coach Anson Dorrance's success is truly unprecedented, and it is a testament to his remarkable leadership, vision, and skills.

The women's soccer program at UNC-Chapel Hill has a long and distinguished history of winning and producing some of the best soccer talent in the world. Mia Hamm, Cindy Parlow, Lori Chalupny, and a host of other players started at UNC before going on to excel in national and international competitions like the FIFA World Cup. The players on the 2006 team are no exception. Today, I officially congratulate the Lady Tar Heels for winning the 2006 NCAA Championship, and I wish them the best as they continue to be leaders of women's collegiate soccer.

#### REMEMBERING AMBASSADOR JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK

#### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, we learned some sad news this morning. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, the first woman appointed to serve as permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations and as a member of President Reagan's cabinet and National Security Council, passed away yesterday at age 80. At the time of her death, Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy Research.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues the following statement posted today on the Web site of AEI:

IN MEMORIAM: JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, 1926-2006

AEI senior fellow Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, who joined the Institute in 1978, died yesterday.

As a young political scientist at Georgetown University, Kirkpatrick wrote the first major study of the role of women in modern politics, *Political Woman*, which was published in 1974. Her work on the McGovern-Fraser Commission, which was formed in the aftermath of the Democratic Party's tumultuous 1968 convention and changed the way party delegates were chosen, led to *Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition*, which AEI published in 1978.

Yet it was an essay written for *Commentary* magazine in 1979, "Dictatorships and Double Standards" (later expanded into a full-length book), that launched her into the political limelight. In the article, Kirkpatrick chronicled the failures of the Carter administration's foreign policy and argued for a clearer understanding of the American national interest. Her essay matched Ronald Reagan's instincts and convictions, and when he became president, he appointed her to represent the United States at the United Nations. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a member of the president's cabinet and the National Security Council. The United States has lost a great patriot and champion of freedom, and AEI mourns our beloved colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I also submit for the record a short biography of Ambassador Kirkpatrick published by AEI:

[From the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research]

JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, SENIOR FELLOW

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick was the first woman appointed to serve as permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations and as a member of Ronald Reagan's Cabinet and National Security Council. She served as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (1985-1990) and the Defense Policy Review Board (1985-1993), and she also chaired the Secretary of Defense Commission on Fail Safe and Risk Reduction of the Nuclear Command and Control System (1992). Dr. Kirkpatrick headed the U.S. delegation to the Human Rights Commission in 2003.

For this and related government service, Dr. Kirkpatrick was awarded the Medal of Freedom—the Nation's highest civilian honor—in May 1985 and received her second Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal—the highest civilian honor of the Department of Defense—in December 1992. In 2002, the Council on Foreign Relations established the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Chair in National Security, and in 1999 the Kennedy School at Harvard University established the Kirkpatrick Chair in International Affairs. She has held the Leavey Chair of Government at Georgetown University from 1978.

For her work on NATO enlargement, Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, awarded her the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Order, the Czech Republic State Decoration (1998), and H.E. Arpad Göncz, president of Hungary, presented her with the Hungarian Presidential Gold Medal (1999). For other work, she received the 50th Anniversary Friend of Zion Award from the prime minister of Israel (1998); the Casey Medal of Honor from the Center for Security Studies (1998); the Grand Officier Du Wissam Al Alaoui Medal from the king of Morocco (2000); and the Living Legends Medal from the librarian of the Library of Congress (2000).

Dr. Kirkpatrick has received many other awards and decorations, including: the Award of the Commonwealth Fund; the Gold Medal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Hubert H. Humphrey Award of the American